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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: German-language Book Piloten im Pyjama (Pilots in Pajamas)

1. Attached is a copy of the German-language book, Piloten im Pyjama (Pilots in Pajamas), ~~per conversation between~~ ☐ ~~C/SOD, and~~ ☐ ~~C/SI/RAH.~~ The book was published in East Berlin by Verlag der Nation. The authors are Heynowski and Scheumann.

2. The book is arranged into six basic elements:

- A. "The Order to be Silent". This segment deals with the need for U.S. fliers to maintain silence during interrogation and describes the methods of training given to pilots. A 1955 "Code of Conduct" supposedly issued by President Eisenhower is quoted. Photographs allegedly taken in training, depicting torturous North Vietnamese interrogation methods which U.S. fliers were to expect if shot down and captured are included.
- B. "The Ten Conversations". Included are alleged transcripts of interviews with the following captured U.S. fliers:

Edward Lee HUBBARD
Everett ALVAREZ, Jr.
Herbert Benjamin RINGSDORF
Loren Harvey TORKELSON
Robert Archie ABBOTT
James Richard SHIVELY
David Henry DUART
Leo Keith THORSNESS
James Lindberg HUGHES
Robinson RISNER

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- C. "Letters to the U.S.A." Letters supposedly written by nine of the ten above-named fliers are furnished in the German language in this segment. Also included are photographs of parts of the actual English texts, as well as envelopes showing the addresses. There is no letter written by Robinson RISNER.
- D. "The Gods of Thunder". This segment contains miscellaneous information about the various pilots and their missions. Many press items are cited including a September 1967 interview held by a Christian Science Monitor representative with U.S. pilots who had been returned by the North Vietnamese to the authorities.
- E. "Statistics". Photographs and vital statistics (including where stationed, what type of aircraft flown, and how many missions) are given concerning the ten pilots.
- F. "Questions to the Authors". The answers furnished by the authors to various questions asked of them by the West German magazine Stern in 1967 are presented. The questions and answers are said to be taken from the Stern issue no. 43.

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